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Requirement for Reports of a Transportation Workers' and Stevedores' Congress to be Held in a Soviet Bloc Country Some Time in May 1957

REFERENCE: [REDACTED] 25X1A2g

1. Reference relates to the World Federation of Trade Unions' (WFTU) plans to hold an international congress of all transportation workers and stevedores and to the agenda of this congress. The congress will be held in Europe, probably in one of the Soviet Bloc countries some time in May, 1957.

2. According [REDACTED] the agenda of the congress is as follows: 25X1A2g

I. A study of transportation systems the world over, especially railroad and highway systems, in order to coordinate and unify syndical action in combating the super-exploitation of transport companies.

II. A study of the world mining industry to explain how changes in this industry have affected sailors and seamen.

III. A study of world air transport systems and companies to explicate how changes in their labor relation policy have affected the workers in those companies.

IV. A study of working conditions of stevedores in individual countries and ports the world over to show how changes in working conditions have affected the stevedores."

3. It is conceivable that the studies mentioned in the agenda will result in published reports. If so, reports covering the topics mentioned in I., III., and IV. of the agenda would provide useful information to this office and it is requested that these be procured.

4. If the congress does not issue published reports, reports originating from trade union groups or individuals participating in the congress may be substituted.

5. This request may be handled on a routine basis.